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Letter dated 18 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for 17 and 18 April 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 18 April 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (17 April 2018)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic, signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported five incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: three in Ladhiqiyah, one in Aleppo and one in Homs.

The Turkish representative office has reported three incidents of gunfire in Homs Governorate.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

The Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has not carried out any humanitarian operations over the past 24 hours.

In total, 1,785 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,519.8 tons.

Two United Nations humanitarian convoys were assured passage: one to Tall Shihab in Dar'a Governorate, comprising 23 refrigerated trucks with a total cargo weight of 149 tons, and one to Tayyibah in Dar'a Governorate, comprising 3 refrigerated trucks with a total cargo weight of 19 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 84 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 77,856 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

No ceasefire agreements have been signed over the past 24 hours.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process is unchanged — it is still 2,505.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence regarding the status of implementation of the Memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (18 April 2018)

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The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported six incidents of gunfire in the following Governorates: four in Ladhiqiyah, one in Damascus and one in Homs.

The Turkish representative office has reported two incidents of gunfire: one in Dar'a Governorate and one in Idlib Governorate.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out one humanitarian operation in Zira'ah, Aleppo Governorate. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered was 1.96 tons.

In total, 1,786 humanitarian operations have been carried out.

The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,521.8 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 148 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 78,004 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, ceasefire agreements have been signed with Salim and Mazra'at Sulayman in Homs Governorate, and with Suwaysah in Qunaytirah Governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,508.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.